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MAYOR EMANUEL, CHOOSE CHICAGO AND ILLINOIS CRAFT BREWERS GUILD ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF CHICAGO FRIDAY NIGHT FLIGHTS

Second Season of Summer Festivals Showcasing Top Craft Brewers from Across Chicago

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced Chicago Friday Night Flights, a summer-long series of events highlighting Chicago's thriving craft beer scene, returns on June 15, 2018 with its second season. The first event will feature more than 25 Chicago breweries at Gallagher Way, 3637 N Clark Street.

"Friday Night Flights is not only a great showcase of Chicago's outstanding craft beer scene, it's also become a wonderful way to try out a new neighborhood and spend time with friends after a long week," Mayor Emanuel said. "I for one can't wait to get back out this summer to try some of the latest goes, stouts, hazy IPAs, krieks and everything else our neighborhood brewers are crafting."

Serving as Lakeview's town square, Gallagher Way offers a beautiful open-air gathering place next to historic Wrigley Field. Neighborhood favorites Smoke Daddy and Big Star, part of recently-opened Hotel Zachary at Gallagher Way, will offer their signature BBQ and tacos to pair with a variety of craft beers drawn from neighborhoods across the city. Participating breweries include: Alarmist Brewing, Aleman Brewing, Argus Brewery, Band of Bohemia, Begyle Brewing, Corridor Brewery & Provisions, Dovetail Brewery, DryHop Brewing, Empirical, Half Acre Beer Co., Haymarket Brewery, Illuminated Brew Works, Lake Effect Brewing, Lo Rez, Moody Tongue, Motor Row, On Tour Brewing, Ravinia Brewing, Revolution Brewing, Spiteful, Whiner Beer Co., Lucky Dorr Patio & Tap.

Produced by the Illinois Craft Brewers Guild and Choose Chicago, the festivals are held from June to September showcasing neighborhood breweries and celebrating Chicago's craft beer scene, which has made Chicago a leader among U.S. cities. Chicago's neighborhoods are home to more than 65 breweries featuring some of the nation's best award-winning beers, creating a diverse array of styles.

"Year two of the Friday Night Flights series looks to build upon the success of last year celebrating Chicago's legendary craft beer scene. We're thrilled to be able to bring it back for a return engagement," David Whitaker, Choose Chicago president and CEO said. "Chicago Friday Night Flights is a perfect recipe for visitors to explore our city's vibrant neighborhoods which are also home to an incredible variety of craft beers produced by Chicago's award-winning breweries."

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Each event will include a tasting pass for purchase allowing participants to sample various beers from the participating breweries. Local entertainment and food for purchase will round out each Chicago Friday Night Flight experience, making each event a true taste of the neighborhoods.

“The Illinois Craft Brewers Guild is very excited to bring Friday Night Flights back to Chicago,” Danielle D’Alessandro, executive director of the Illinois Craft Brewers Guild said. “Chicagoans and visitors alike will be able to join us at the official opening and closing events, along with four neighborhood events highlighting local breweries and communities. We’re grateful for the ongoing partnership with Choose Chicago and Mayor Emanuel, and look forward to another great summer for Chicago craft beer!”

For full details and to pre-purchase tickets visit www.chicagofridaynightflights.com.

In addition to the June 15 Friday Night Flights kickoff event from 6-9 p.m. at Gallagher Way, other scheduled “Flights” include:

Friday, June 29

Milwaukee Avenue Corridor
2521 N Kedzie Boulevard
6-9PM

Friday, July 20

31st Street Beach
Pier 31 @ 31st Street Beach
6-9PM

Friday, August 3

Ravenswood Corridor
4700 N Ravenswood
6-9PM

Friday, August 17

West Loop & Loop
1102 W Kinzie
6-9PM

Friday, September 14

Chicago Riverwalk
Water Plaza & The Jetty (LaSalle – Franklin St)
6-9PM

About Choose Chicago

Choose Chicago is the official destination marketing organization for Chicago, Illinois. Its mission is to bring regional, national and international business and leisure visitors to Chicago for the economic benefit of the city, the community and its membership.

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